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Listing of claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for using a color scheme to communicate information associated with an event and related to the integration of hardware and software in a computing device, comprising:

receiving an event at the computing device;

determining whether the received event is a member of a select group of events, each the event in the select group of events corresponding to a software element that has an associated color scheme, wherein the software element is associated with a user interface display of the computing device;

determining a color value associated with the event that is a member of the select group of events, the color value corresponding to the color scheme of the software element, wherein a change to the color scheme of the software element results in a change in the color value; and

illuminating the software element on the user interface display and a corresponding hardware button on the computing device according to the color value when the event is a member of the select group of events received to indicate the integration of the function of the hardware button with the software element such that the information associated with the event is communicated to a user.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

4.   (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the hardware software element is a software-defined soft key.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein illuminating the hardware button further comprises illuminating an illuminating element, wherein the